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SUBJECT: PM LEABUA JONATHAN ATTACKS U.S. INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. IN TWO RECENT SPEECHES, PRIME MINISTER, CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN, WAS CRITICAL OF U.S. ROLE IN SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS. AT NAM COLOMBO MEETING (TEXT OF SPEECH ONLY NOW AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY), PRIME MINISTER DEALT PRIMARILY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS AND IN THAT CONTEXT DEPRECIATED U.S. INITIATIVES STAT

ING
IN PART QTE DR. KISSINGER'S RECENT INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF WHITE MINORITIES IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS PREVIOUS INDIFFERENCE TO THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACK MAJORITIES UNQTE. AT MORE RECENT (SEPT 12) GATHERING IN HIS POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY, THE PM DEALT PRIMARILY WITH UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND SOUTHERN

AFRICAPROBLEMS (TEXT NOT AVAILABLE) DURING WHICH HE AGAIN TOOK
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OCCASION TO DISCOUNT U.S. INITIATIVES, REPORTEDLY EXPRESSING VIEW

THAT

SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD NOT SOLVE CURRENT RACE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE FURTHER STATED QTE PROBLEMS FACING THE SUBCONTINENT SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERVENTION UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE JONATHAN'S REMARKS REFLECT A PREVALENT FEELING WITHIN GOL THAT U.S. INITIATIVES ARE BASICALLY MOTIVATED TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF WHITE MINORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IT IS OF MAJOR UNDERLYING IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOL RESENTS NOT BEING CONSULTED TO DATE BY U.S. IN FASHION SIMILAR TO U.S. CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. PM AND GOVERNMENT STRONGLY FEEL THEIR INPUTS ARE NECESSARY AND HIGHLY RELEVANT TO ANY SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FURTHER, GOL FEELS IT IS BEING IGNORED AND LEFT ON THE SIDELINES IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO ITS FUTURE.

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